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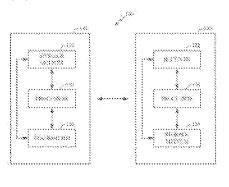
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Embodiments describe a method and/or system (200) whereby a secret key in a cryptographic system may be replaced without revealing the secret key. One embodiment comprises creating a first private key (210) and corresponding first public key. A second private key associated with the first private key and a second public key corresponding to the second private key are also created (220). The second private key is output once (230) such that it can be re-created and the second public key is output when outputting the first public key (240) The first private key is used for authentication (260). The method further comprises re-creating the second private key; and using the second private key for authentication. Another embodiment comprises creating a private key and corresponding public key with associated system parameter (410); outputting the system parameter when outputting the public key (430); and using the private key for authentication (460). The method may further comprise creating a new private key using the previous key and the system parameter (470).



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